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— *excerpted from the College
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18 LIGHTS, CAMERA, HOMECOMING 2006 Students, alumni, parents, and friends alike celebrated the beautiful weather and SJC's beautiful campus while cheering Puma football onto victory over the Valparaiso Crusaders. This year's Hollywood-style theme, "Lights, Camera, Homecoming 2006," brought all the glitz and glamour of Tinseltown right to Rensselaer. Cover: Greg Ford '07.

22 PUMA FOOTBALL GLFC CHAMPIONS The Saint Joseph's College football team continued its ascent in the ranks of NCAA Division II in 2006, posting an 8-3 record and winning the Great Lakes Football Conference Championship in the recently-revived conference's first season.

Becoming the Heroes of Our Own Life Stories

IN THIS ISSUE OF *Contact*, you will read a feature recalling the history of the Aluminum Bowl football team of 1956, the first major sporting event that put Saint Joseph's "on the map."

I recall the game, nationally televised on CBS, very well. Those who were there will testify to what viewers saw: that the game was played in a mudbath and, to no one's surprise, ended in a scoreless tie. I had the privilege of meeting a number of the members of that team at their Golden Anniversary Reunion at Homecoming this past fall.

It's hard to believe that fifty years have passed since that game was played and that those young men who suited-up for the game have now moved on to retirement age. A number of them have passed on to their eternal reward. The young son (at the time) of head coach Bob Jauron is now the head coach of the Buffalo Bills.

Somehow, sports heroes (and these men *were* heroes for what they accomplished) always seem to take on a larger-than-life persona. Or at least they did to me, nothing more than a gangly high school sophomore who followed their exploits in the local paper of my hometown of Gary, Indiana.

Not a one of them ever made a dollar as a professional athlete; only a few ever had their names associated with All-American honors. Most of them took their diplomas and headed off to the workplace. I would bet that few, if any, of their co-workers would ever come to know that they once played in a nationally-televised championship game.

As I met several of them, I took note of how they used their learning and knowledge – not their athletic prowess – to carve out their careers. They came to Saint Joseph's on an athletic scholarship and used their talents on the field to ensure their success in later life.

Those student-athletes brought glory and pride to Saint Joseph's on that rainy day in December 1956. To be sure, it's nowhere near the glory of the Division I "football factories" that monopolize media attention every fall weekend. But it's our story, and our memories, and our alumni, and we have every right to shout: "well done Pumas; you made us proud!"

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Computer science, communication departments make strides with student/alumni networking events



As a prequel to the Computer Science Networking Event, **Tom Kuhar '88** gave a short presentation to several Computer Science students on October 2. The former Computer Science major related his job experience to the group, factoring in the impact Saint Joseph's College made on his studies and his overall future. Pictured from left to right are senior Computer Science major Julius Taylor, Kuhar, and junior Computer Science major Ryan Hall.

The faculty in the Computer Science and Communication Departments understand the value of student/alumni networking. Both Departments eager to showcase the numerous successes of their respective alumni, they each recently hosted a networking reception and career night featuring alumni making a difference in their fields.

The Computer Science Department continues to be at the head of the technological race, whether it's through their work with Voice over Internet Protocol, wireless data communications, or innovative programming options. Keeping up the trend, the Department hosted a Computer Science Networking Event involving SJC alumni and current students on October 6, over Homecoming weekend.

The objective of this first-time event was "to involve our alumni in the mission to educate our current students, and at the same time, foster a chance for the alumni to keep in touch in a unique way," said Assistant Professor of Computer Science and Department Chair Brian Capouch. "This is the beginning of something we intend to do more of."

Students in Capouch's Computer Science I course interviewed the returning alumni on a one-on-one basis in an attempt to discover the many possibilities a Computer Science degree can hold. Attending alumni presented information regarding current projects they're working on and ideas they've helped develop in the past, while current students spoke to the real-world projects they're completing this year. "Our students and alumni are working on many interesting things, and I hope by this event to better publicize what they're doing - internally, externally, and amongst the alumni," Capouch said.

Alumni of the Communication Department have also been busily involved in the lives of current students, having hosted their annual Senior Seminar Career Night on October 15. The program, spearheaded by Associate Professor of Communication Fred Berger and Assistant Professor of Communication and Theatre Arts John Rahe, is designed to expose students to

the occupational possibilities that can result from earning a Communication degree from SJC. Each speaker related their individual job duties to attendees and gave students tips regarding the interview process and other job-building guidelines that they can put to use in the future. The evening concluded with a question-and-answer session.

"In the past, students have been concerned about exactly how to use their degrees," said Rahe. "We developed this event so that alumni would have a way to talk to students about what they can expect after graduation."

Alumni participating in the Computer Science Networking Event were **Ed Balas '96, Tony Braner '05, Mark Davisson '93, Matt Davy '96, Dave DeLauro '00, Bob Dusek '98, Chuck Riley '03, Phil Schroeder '01, Kenny Shumard '04, John Szynal '04, Blake VanEekeren '06, and Justin Walters '03.** Alumni participating in the Senior Seminar Career Night were **Jill (Masters) Gray '00, Brian Murphy '93, Merrill (Ruggaber) Landgrebe '95, and Bill Massoels '89.**

Your opinion, please...

If you are a 2006 graduate, you should have received your copy of the *Saint Joseph's College 2006 Career Survey*. Please take the time to complete the survey and return it in the enclosed stamped envelope, or take the survey on-line by visiting <http://www.saintjoe.edu/careers/alumni/2006surveyform.htm>.

The very important information you supply will assist us in improving programs and services not only in the Career Development area but in other areas of the College, as well. Potential employers and prospective students and parents are very curious as to what SJC graduates are doing after graduation. Your information will be compared to previous classes to determine employment patterns and trends. Be assured that your responses will remain confidential. Only your name, employer, and SJC major/minor will be included in the report compiled from the data.

Thank you in advance for your responses!



**Respond
on-line
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Employ a Puma!

Call for employers to participate in 2007 CareerFest

The SJC Career Development Center 2007 CareerFest is scheduled for Monday, March 26, 2007. If you are or know of an employer who might be interested in participating in this exciting career event, please contact Donna Brody via e-mail at dbrody@saintjoe.edu. This is a great opportunity for representatives from all career fields to talk to SJC seniors preparing to enter the job market and underclassmen seeking internship placements or part-time employment. Contact us today for a CareerFest Information Packet.

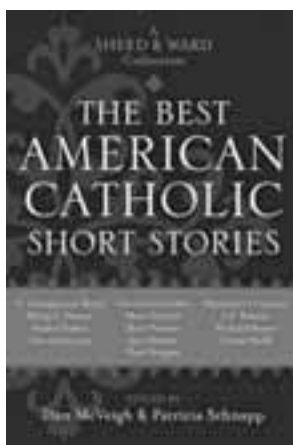


**Calling all alumni
that graduated
in a year ending with
a "2" or "7"**

Alumni celebrating an honor year reunion in 2007 will soon receive their Honor Class listing; a book listing the names and contact information for those who graduated in a specific class. If you do not want your name and contact information listed in this mailing, contact the Alumni Office at 800-227-1898 or e-mail alumni@saintjoe.edu.



DEAVER



DEARDURFF

Published authors **DEAVER '68, DEARDURFF** continue their success in

Putting their SJC English educations to use are alumni **JaLeen Deardurff '04** and **Philip F. Deaver '68**, both published authors with several works to their names. Deardurff realized her call to writing as a child; Deaver found his in high school, saying, “The class prophesy in the yearbook my senior year predicted I’d be a writer when I grew up, but of course I *wrote* the class prophesy that year!” The aspirations of both authors were nurtured and enriched at Saint Joseph’s, and the skills they acquired live on through their work today.

Deardurff, Administrative Assistant to the Vice President for Academic Affairs, has been a member of the Puma family since 1990 and received her English/Creative-Writing degree from SJC in December 2004. Her interest in writing began when she was a young girl. “Whenever the teacher gave us a writing assignment, I couldn’t wait to get started,” Deardurff said. “I wrote my first novel at the age of 13 in a spiral notebook with a red pen. The only reason I took typing in high school was so I could write faster. I sent away my first manuscript, a collection of poems, when I was 15. That publisher actually sent me a card saying they were keeping it for further consideration before they finally rejected it.”

Since that first rejection, however, Deardurff has had three articles printed in the national magazine *Today’s Caregiver*, a story in 2004’s *Chicken Soup for the Dog Lover’s*

Soul, and her first novel, *The Music Teacher*, published in 2006 by Publish America. Written under the name JaLeen Bultman-Deardurff, *The Music Teacher* is a historical fiction piece set in 19th century Michigan City and Columbia City, both in Indiana, revealing a tale of love, intrigue, mystery, and unconditional friendship.

Deardurff’s most recent author presentation and book signing took place in Columbia City, and while there, she visited the graves of her Creager ancestors whose fictional counterparts appear in the novel. She also spent time researching the Creager family for additional information to be used in the sequel to her first work which will be titled *Creager Farm* and set in Columbia City.

As Associate Professor of English and Writer-in-Residence at Rollins College in Winter Park, Florida and also professor in the Spalding University limited-residency MFA program (Louisville, Kentucky), Deaver inspires his students every day and seeks to be inspired by them, as well. His work can mostly be found in literary journals, including such prestigious publications as *The Kenyon Review* and *Florida Review*, as well as several anthologies, such as *Prize Stories: The O.*

Henry Awards. Deaver has also received citations in the “100 Other Distinguished Stories” section of 1995’s *Best American Short Stories* and was included in a similar listing the same year in *The Pushcart Prize*. He is the author of two original

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— **JaLeen Deardurff '04**

“I’m not Catholic like I’m politically left of center. I’m Catholic like I’m Caucasian, at the cellular level.”
— **Phillip Deaver '68**



NICHOLS



'04 world of writing

titles: a collection of poems called *How Men Pray* (Anhinga Press, 2005) and a compilation of his short stories entitled *Silent Retreats* (for which he was awarded the Flannery O'Connor Award for Short Fiction). A number of Deaver's poems have appeared in renowned literary magazines (two have been featured in Garrison Keillor's syndicated public radio spot "Writers' Almanac"), and he is the proud recipient of fellowships from the National Endowment of the Arts and Bread Loaf.

Deaver's work will be included in a new anthology this year, slated for release in January of 2007, entitled *Best American Catholic Short Stories*. The publication includes old stories as well as new from such celebrated authors as Mary Gordon, Ron Hansen, J.F. Powers, and Tobias Wolff. Appearing alongside such literary big-names is an honor for Deaver and one he holds in the highest esteem. His short stories "Geneseo" and "Silent Retreats" (the title story of the collection by the same name) were chosen to appear in the comprehensive work, and Deaver explains that both stories comment on or imply the practice of religion, if not literally then certainly in undertones. He said of his own religious beliefs, "It [being a Catholic] literally *is* what I am and, therefore, what my writing can be classified as most of the time. I'm not Catholic like I'm politically left of center. I'm Catholic like I'm Caucasian, at the cellular level," and his writings quietly reflect that trait.

Both *Best American Catholic Short Stories* and *The Music Teacher* are available at all major bookstores and via the internet. Deardurff's Web site can be visited at www.authorspassion.com and Deaver's can be found at www.philipfdeaver.com.

NEH distinguished teaching professor published in AGLS general education guide

Saint Joseph's College is renowned for the innovative education its students receive through the Core Curriculum. Other schools require students to complete a number of courses in various areas to fulfill their general education requirements, often completed during the first and second years of the college experience. Saint Joseph's, however, employs the Core Program: a general education plan that evenly spreads out those required courses over four years of college, allowing students to begin studies in their major fields within their first semester. Professor of Philosophy and NEH Distinguished Teaching Professor Dr. John Nichols is one of the co-creators of the Program, and thirty-five years later, he remains an advocate of its benefits.

Nichols recently had a substantial work published in the Association for General & Liberal Studies Guide to Assessment and Program Review for which he used SJC's Core Program as a general model. A team of three individuals, including Nichols, originally authored a draft of questions for institutional or programmatic self-examination, and the concept was so well received by AGLS that they expanded it into a full-fledged project, with Nichols doing the bulk of the writing. The pages penned by Nichols were the focus of the AGLS annual conference, held in Indianapolis every fall.

"The main idea of the work we do is to form collaboration between general education and a specific major," Nichols said. "At SJC, we took the idea and actually developed it into a successful program. As a result, the role of general education in undergraduate studies at Saint Joseph's has become state-of-the-art in national liberal education circles."

To obtain a copy of the AGLS Guide to Assessment and Program Review, visit www.bsu.edu/agls.



Alumni, faculty join forces toward Continuous Quality Improvement effort

One of the most important topics discussed at the November Alumni Board meeting was “Continuous Quality Improvement” in academics and how SJC graduates can play a key role in this process. Prior to the Board meeting, Alumni Board President **Stephen Ligda '62** and **Kris Costa Sakelarlis '82**, Alumni Board Vice-President for Academics, Recruitment, and Placement, conferred with Dr. John Nichols, Professor of Philosophy, NEH Distinguished Professor, and CQI project director at SJC, in order to explore ways alumni can contribute. Following the meeting, Nichols discussed all the aspects of the project with the Academic Committee, and the session ended with agreement on several substantive ways alumni can be involved.

But first, the main idea behind the whole initiative. Recent calls for accountability in higher education have brought about important changes in what accreditors demand of institutions to continue their accreditation. It is no longer enough to survive, to continue to do what you were founded to do. The new requirement at the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association (HLC) (our regional accreditor) is to “provide reliable evidence...

for continuous improvement.” SJC didn’t need the HLC to tell it that; the College already has in the very first sentence of its Mission Statement the pledge “to a tradition of excellence and to a liberal education that is a united endeavor of intelligence and faith.”

On campus, Nichols will “set up an ongoing process that will require Core and every major program to report in an every-third-year cycle on their assessments of student learning outcomes and what they’re doing to improve those results.”

Ligda and Sakelarlis suggested ways for graduates to give feedback - both positive and negative - to

the College on how their undergraduate education is “wearing thick or thin” any given number of years after graduation. The Academic Committee agreed to accept this invitation to participate and expanded on the practical ways of getting this feedback. Sakelarlis said, “This is exciting. It’s especially pleasing to be able to contribute to the campus operation that is the very reason for the being of SJC - academics!”

Alumni will be contacted first in small groups and then in larger blocks via the Internet. Ligda promised Nichols: “We are most eager to be involved in this very important project.”

C Q I

*Continuous
Quality
Improvement*



Second annual Alumni Day

Mark your calendars for Saturday, February 3, 2007. Alumni, students, parents, and friends are invited to gather in the Richard F. Scharf Alumni Fieldhouse to enjoy a family day on campus while cheering on the Puma basketball teams. The teams will be playing conference rivals Lewis University.

Food sales, tables, and chairs will be set up on the backcourt so guests can eat, visit, and watch the games. Additionally, the 1984-1985 SJC golf team will be recognized at the event.

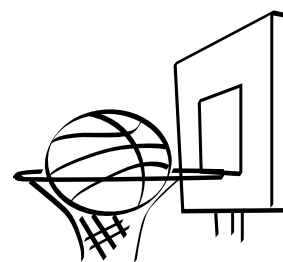
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Women's Game @ 1:00 pm CDT

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New to Alumni Day this year is a book drive to support and replenish SJC's Education Curriculum Library.

Check out <http://www.amazon.com/gp/registry/wishlist/38ZP42HA8OOSW/> for a list of desired books. Interested donors should bring a book along with them to the Fieldhouse during Alumni Day or log-on, select an item, and have it shipped directly to the Education Department at the College.

Janeen (Wenstrup) Kooi '82

Janeen (Wenstrup) Kooi '82 has many years of memories stored at Saint Joseph's College. Aside from meeting and eventually marrying the late **Martin Kooi '82**, SJC served as a home away from home for not only herself, but also for her sister-in-law **Mary-Francis '87** and now her own daughter Rachael '10. All three are proud to be Halas girls and are enjoying sharing a new sense of Puma pride together, and Janeen is happy to open a new chapter in the bond with her daughter. "It's a wonderful feeling knowing that my love of SJC is carried into the next generation. She'll carry the same kind of love with her one day but hopefully will craft her own wonderful SJC experience," Janeen said.

As an English major and Communication minor, Janeen finds herself using lessons and skills she learned at SJC in her current career every day. She's the Director of The Manchester Fund at Manchester College (North Manchester, Indiana) and believes that "performance – whether in speech class, on air, or on stage – gives one confidence in front of a crowd. I frequently call on those performance skills in speaking with donors, in presenting to Board members, and in daily dealings with colleagues across campus." And she's had plenty of past performance experience to draw from.

"The Theatre was tremendously important to [Marty and me] during our time at SJC," she began. "That's where we spent all of our time. We were involved in every show during our four years, whether it was for acting or tech work, and were always officers of the Columbian Players.



Janeen (center) and daughters Rachael (standing), Sarah (kneeling), and Leann (sitting).

her more than simply what she learned in an English book or how to garner confidence before a crowd. Through the Core Program, Janeen gained a more comprehensive education, one that she carries with her in every aspect of her multifaceted life. "The Core experience opens eyes, leaving one with the willingness to learn – about other cultures, other viewpoints, and topics outside one's major," she said.

We were privileged to work with a whole bunch of wonderful people." Both Janeen and Mary-Francis are celebrating honor class reunions in 2007, and Janeen hopes to put together a commemoration in honor of the late directors from her era – **Ralph "Doc" Cappuccilli '47**, **Br. Jim Mignerey, C.P.P.S. '74**, and her late husband Martin.

In addition to her work at Manchester College, Janeen keeps herself busy with a number of volunteer and community service efforts. She's been involved with many church activities and PTA groups, as well as serving on her parish council, library board, Home and School board, and community theatre board. As well as performing in a number of university and community theatre productions since her time away from SJC, she also helped to set up a grief support group after her husband passed away.

Throughout her professional career, Janeen has used her talents to excel in her field, having started as a campaign secretary at Central Methodist University in Fayette, Missouri and working her way up to donor relations, the annual fund, and eventually reaching Associate Vice President for Development. Her time at SJC taught

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SJC offers chance for employees to get fit

Some of the most common New Year resolutions are to lose weight, get fit, and eat healthy. The students in Assistant Professor of Physical Education Dr. Patricia Query's Exercise Physiology class jumped right into the trend and began a get-fit program for the employees of Saint Joseph's College four months before the resolutions hit.

From September 16 through November 17, sixteen students worked with sixteen SJC employees to meet individual goals previously discussed by each team. The teams met over the noon hour every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday in the Hanson Recreational Center where they had access to the indoor track, Fitness Center, and weight room. Several "clients" wanted to lose weight, improve running times, or build muscle, but all enrolled in the program for the same reason: to learn an all-around health and fitness regimen that's simple, fun, and time manageable.

Lana Zimmer, Assistant Professor of Education, taught her trainer Aniela Pulice – junior Physical Education

major – in class last semester, and was pleased to have the tables turned for the duration of the program. "Aniela was a very committed trainer, and I felt completely comfortable in her hands throughout the program," Zimmer said. "Participating in the program gave me a break to a busy day when working out was otherwise hard to fit into my schedule."

While Zimmer joined the program to rebuild her endurance, flexibility, and strength after a back injury, Jonathon Messman, Computer Services System Support, wanted to get healthier for his children. "I wanted to take a step to ensure that I'd be around longer for my kids and so I could play with them more," he said. "The program worked great for me – I've already noticed that my energy level is higher when I run around with the kids, and I'm not as easily winded. I will definitely keep up the new habits I learned."

Query's class has worked with hands-on projects such as this before, mainly with the occupants of the Rensselaer Care Center, and she wanted to



Junior Physical Education major Jenna Ketch (back) monitors her "client," Dance Team Coach April Potts (front).

give her students a different approach this year. "It's one thing to teach someone how to become fit. It's quite another to have an actual body to physically work with," she said. "This program was exactly what you'd find at a health club if you worked with a personal trainer."

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Hail to the CHAMPS

The 1956 football season marked one of the most successful gridiron campaigns in Saint Joseph's College history. This was a season that saw SJC gridders roll up the three highest scores in the College's gridiron history to give the College its first undisputed Indiana Collegiate Conference football crown. This was the team which literally stampeded through six ICC games, rewriting the record book, setting fifteen new records while tying seven more, and placing five team members on the All-Conference team. This was the season which showed the Pumas to be the best small college defensive team in the country.

The golden football year was capped with the Pumas participating in the first annual NAIA Aluminum Bowl at Little Rock, Arkansas, on December 22, 1956. Saint Joseph's battled Montana State to a scoreless tie in the mud-christened classic to gain the title "National Small College Co-Champions."

2006 marked the 50th anniversary of this record-breaking team's success, and the annual Homecoming festivities played host to their reunion. Members of the team were invited back to their alma mater for a recognition ceremony



Top: Team photo from 1956 NAIA Aluminum Bowl team. Above: Team members return to celebrate the 50th anniversary of their championship year. From left to right: **Clarence Batie '58, Richard Cote '59, Keith Fingerhut '58, Dennis Fox '59, Richard Hagye '63, Robert Hamman '58, Clifford Robinson '57, Paul Scherschel '57.**

on the football field before the kickoff of the Homecoming game.

"Our numbers get smaller with every reunion, but we continue to have a great deal of respect for those who have gone before us because they're still a part of us," said **Cliff Robinson '57,**

member of the championship team. "The word 'team' still applies to us and even more so now than it did fifty years ago."

Portions of this story were taken from the 1957 edition of Phase.

Business administration department provides networking opportunities to upperclassmen



Senior Business Administration majors Allison Chappelle (inner left) and Megan Ulrich (inner right) pose with **Bob Neville '71** and **Dan Schluge '82** at the 2006 Indianapolis Business Network.

Always eager to allow students an outlet to apply their classroom studies to real-life situations, the SJC Business Administration Department recently hosted their fifth annual Indianapolis Business Networks reception on November 8 at the Columbia Club in downtown Indianapolis.

The annual event is “one more way in which we really work on developing student skills through real-world, hands-on practice,” said Associate Professor of Management and Marketing and Chair of the Business Administration Department Linda McFarland.

“Our mission calls for a balance of theory and practice,” she continued. “We take that quite seriously. Our students complete marketing plans for companies, revamp advertising, conduct economic studies of area towns, survey consumers, and complete scores of internships every year.”

Juniors and seniors with a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or higher are invited to participate, and twenty-two students were chosen to take part in this year’s event. Participants are selected through a competitive application process, including a resume review and interviews with two Business faculty or Career Development professionals.

“At the receptions, students practice networking, meeting strangers, shaking their hands, and initiating conversations,” said Associate Professor of Economics and Finance Michael Oakes. “It can feel uncomfortable, even intimidating at first, but that’s exactly why it is important to have a chance to practice. There is always some hope that a connection will develop that leads to an internship or a job offer, although neither are goals for the event.”

He continued, “The ability to meet new people, establish a professional relationship, and communicate effectively in formal and informal settings are key skills for successful professionals, in all professional environments. Even in our on-campus community, networking often is a key to getting things done, whether you are a club leader or a professor. Practicing these skills as an undergraduate is an opportunity that not too many small colleges offer their students. We can do it because the Business faculty and SJC alumni have made the commitment in time and effort to make it work.”

The Indianapolis reception is made possible through the “Initiative to promote Opportunity through Educational Collaborations” grant sponsored by Lilly Endowment, Inc.



Call out to business professionals!

If you’re an alumnus or alumna with a background in business or non-profit work, please join us in Chicago to mingle with current Business students. Share your career experiences. Engage them to express their own career goals. Discover a student for whom you might become a helpful mentor.

Please RSVP to Michael Oakes, Associate Professor of Economics and Finance, at 219-866-6353 or mjoakes@saintjoe.edu. For more information, visit <http://www.saintjoe.edu/academics/business/networks.html>.

CHICAGO*

January 31, 2007

6:00 to 8:00 p.m. CDT

Chicago Firehouse Restaurant
1401 S. Michigan Ave.

*Note date and venue change.



GROWING a CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY thru ACTIVE CAMPUS MINISTRY

AN integral part of Saint Joseph's college, campus Ministry helps students grow ethically, socially, and spiritually. Founded in 1889 with the inception of SJC, Campus Ministry strives to meet the needs of students of all denominations.

Under the sponsorship of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood (C.P.P.S.), the Campus Ministry staff provides guidance, support, and resources to the SJC community. Chaplain and Director of Campus Ministry **Rev. Jeffrey Kirch, C.P.P.S. '98** and Campus Ministers **Ary Nelson '02** and **Bro. Tim Hemm, C.P.P.S. '70** lead Mass and SJC groups that meet students' spiritual needs and provide opportunities to explore their faith through retreats, service endeavors, and social justice issues.



Rev. Jeffrey Kirch, C.P.P.S. '98 offers the host to Tom Lohmuller '10 at the Saint Joseph's Chapel.

Diverse programs and activities are available for students interested in making a difference. "One goal of Campus Ministry is to create more service opportunities this semester because that's something students are very interested in," Kirch said. Volunteer Corps is one important outlet for service. Through Volunteer Corps, students can play bingo at a local nursing home, rake leaves during the annual fall "Rake and Run" outings, and do chores for the elderly. They can also participate in the annual "Trick or Treat for the Hungry" canned food drive and feed the disadvantaged at soup kitchens.

"Campus Ministry has brought a new perspective to my life," said sophomore Biology-Chemistry major Shanna Tobar, who participates in several Campus Ministry activities including Music Ministry, soup kitchens,

Puma Women Today, Right to Life, and the Candlelight Vigil for Deceased Children, among others. "I am a lot closer to God and my faith as a Catholic. Campus Ministry offers students a chance to change other people's lives. Students receive the joy of realizing they didn't do something just for themselves - they did something to make a difference in the world."

At the annual, nationwide Candlelight Vigil for Covenant House, SJC community members can aid in the awareness of issues such as homelessness and at-risk youth. The SJC Right to Life group also helps the local Birthright Chapter and discusses controversial issues such as abortion, cloning, and capital punishment, and Puma Women Today creates a campus dialogue about women's issues.

"Campus Ministry is open to students of all denominations, and they can find their niche," Kirch said. As well as a simple break from studies, Kirch sees Campus Ministry as a social networking opportunity, an occasion for students to grow in their faith lives through service activities, and

a chance to give something back to the College and God.

Campus Ministry offers a wide variety of sacramental opportunities, as well. Students are included in liturgical ministries and are able to assist with Sunday Mass planning; serve as greeters, lectors, Eucharistic ministers, and servers; and participate in music ministry. Campus Ministry also helps students discover their faith through sessions of “Exploring Catholicism,” an open discussion forum that encourages participants to delve into controversial issues that impact the lives of millions.

The spiritual needs of non-Catholics are also met through Campus Ministry. Students are aided in their search for churches of their own denominations within a close proximity to the College, and students of all faiths may also find a spiritual core through the annual Kairos retreats. Held off-campus three times a year, these intense, four-day experiences are designed to allow students to get to know themselves better, develop relationships, and realize the place of God in their own lives. A new addition to the Kairos schedule this academic year is an on-campus retreat for high school students from surrounding counties during SJC’s Spring Break. Campus Ministry also offers a fall and spring Wilderness Camping Retreat, led by peer ministers. This retreat allows students several days of relaxation in cabins at a nearby state park.

New activities and outreach opportunities are added to the agenda every year, and Campus Ministry serves as a dynamic and vital element of the SJC Christian community. “The future of Campus Ministry is really in the students’ hands,” Kirch said. “Everything we do is organized and led by students. My dream is for more and more students to take an active role so they can, in turn, meet the needs of their peers by using their own gifts and talents.”



1) Annual camping trip retreat, 2006. 2) Jordan Henley '07 volunteers at a Campus-Ministry sponsored soup kitchen. 3) Students traveled to a Halfway House in Dayton, Ohio last fall to assist in building furniture for the residents. 4) Annual Candlelight Vigil, 2005.

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 25-27

Winter Play: Picasso at the Lapine Agile by Steve Martin

January 25

Kairos 46

January 27, February 3

Presidential Scholarship Competition

January 31

Chicago Business Network

February 3

Alumni Day

February 18-19

Discover Day/ Overnight

February 21

Ash Wednesday

March 3-11

Spring Break

March 17

St. Patrick's Day Parade Chicago, Illinois

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March 22-25

Kairos 47

March 26

2007 CareerFest

April 1

Band Spring Concert

April 6-9

Easter break

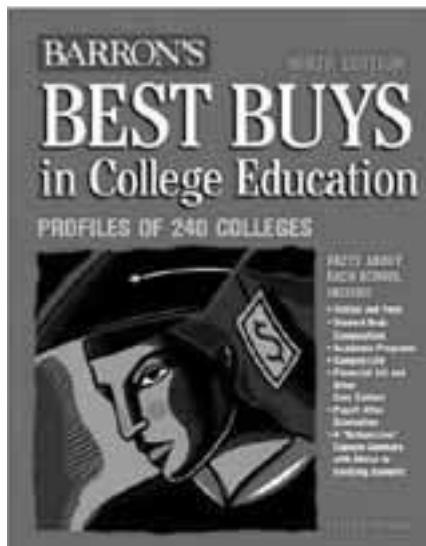
April 12-14

Spring Musical: Chicago

April 29

Spring Choral Concert

Barron's Best Buys in College Education recognizes SJC in recent publication



Saint Joseph's College was recently chosen to appear in the 9th edition of Barron's annual *Best Buys in College Education* publication. This well-known directory aids parents and students in selecting institutions that offer first-class educations at competitive prices, and schools profiled represent the full range of academic disciplines as well as all fifty states.

Colleges are selected to appear in *Best Buys* based on various criteria, including tuition rates, as well as the results of a questionnaire that is

completed by the dean of students and by students themselves. The final 247 colleges chosen represent the best combination of sound data and student satisfaction.

The two main features of the publication are the data capsules and profiles which provide information regarding campus setting, student/faculty ratio, freshman profile, faculty profile, tuition and fees, and room and board.

Each profile is organized around the same basic components: student body, academics, facilities, special programs, campus life, cost-cutters, rate-of-return, payoff and the "bottom line," or financial aid statistics.

Barron's *Best Buys in College Education* is just one of several distinctions received by SJC; it was honored by *U.S. News and World Report* as being a top bachelor-degree-awarding "Midwestern Comprehensive College." In addition to being named a "character-building college" by the Templeton Foundation, SJC is nationally recognized for excellence in the areas of Engaged Students, Great Teaching, Vibrant Communities, and Successful Outcomes by Colleges of Distinction, as well as having been named a "best Midwestern college" by the Princeton Review.

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Please visit the alumni Web site at <http://alumni.saintjoe.edu/> and sign up to help with a college fair, call admitted students, host a reception, or talk with prospective Puma parents. Your unique experience at Saint Joseph's can help students decide that SJC is the best fit for them. You can share the fun, learning, and excitement you experienced as a student with a new generation of Pumas. Only alumni can truly express to students how special SJC really is!

2006-2007 Enrollment: JUST THE FACTS



President Mills

Total enrollment at SJC for the 2006-2007 academic year is the highest it's been in over a DECADE.

Saint Joseph's College is pleased to welcome 237 new students into the Puma family this year. The Class of 2010 represents outstanding students from twenty-one states, including Indiana, and three foreign countries. They are Presidential Scholars, award-winning athletes, talented musicians, and many others who are destined to become "Involved For Life" as campus leaders. Various socio economic classes and ethnicities are represented, with 22% of the freshman class being diverse. Most of all, they are involved and ready to become a part of the family at SJC.

"These new students are here because of the united efforts of the SJC community, from Admissions to Student Life, from Athletics to the performing arts, and also because of our outstanding faculty and student body," said Karen Raftus, Director of Admissions. Raftus is in her second year as director of the office and already has made great strides toward the advancement of Saint Joseph's College. "It was our goal to help new students discover SJC and determine whether the College was the right 'fit' for them. I'd say we succeeded."

Moreover, the total enrollment at SJC for the 2006-2007 academic year is 1,031 – the highest it's been in over a decade. "I believe one of the reasons our enrollment is so high is outcomes," said President Ernest R. Mills III. "Historically, in the last five years, between 96 and 98% of our graduating seniors are employed or in graduate school within a year of graduation. Parents and students notice that kind of success," Mills concluded.

As alumni, parents, and friends of the College, the successful enrollment of the 2006-2007 academic year is in-part your success, too. Many thanks are owed for promot-



TOP: **Adam DeBeck '06** lends his brother Chad '10 a helping hand during freshman move-in. ABOVE: The freshman class got their first taste of extracurricular activities at SJC during the Puma Olympics, an annual event held during Freshman Orientation.

ing Saint Joseph's College in your own ways, whether it be through your work in high schools, networking throughout your families, or simply positive word of mouth. There is no better resource for future students than our alumni, parents, and friends.

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1) **Rubin Nieto '06** led the student section in cheering the Pumas to a 43-14 win over Valparaiso University.

2) Regina Lunkes '07 (second from right) takes a glance down the field during a pause in the game.

3) **Mike Wallach '04**, **Wes Graper '05**, and **Brandy Herriot '04** catch up in the Alumni Association Beer & Brat Tent.

4) Charles Scott '07 (left) and Corrie Gregory '07 (right) take a break at halftime.

5) **Lucy (Loew) Goszkowski '81**, **Lisa Chesak Lamarra '81**, and **Ann (Werick) Rincon '81** decked out in their finest to celebrate the Hollywood-themed Homecoming Reunion Dinner.

6 **Rev. Dominic Gerlach, C.P.P.S. '46** accepted the Alumni Service Award on behalf of **Rev. William Eilerman, C.P.P.S. '47**.

7) **Dr. Lawrence B. Lennon, Ph.D. '65** (fifth from left) was chosen as the recipient of the 2006 Alumni Achievement Award, and friends and family offered their support. Left to right are Jerry Hughes, Barry Jordan, Sharon Davisson, **Sharon (Mahaffey) Lennon '69**, **Larry Lennon '65**, Anita Jordan, and **Tom Crowley '66**.

8) **Tom Effinger '65** (far left, rolling), participant in the Hollywood Nights Reunion Dinner and Casino, rolled his way to success at homecoming 2006.

TERESA MASSOELS, *Associate Professor of Marketing and Management*, attended the NCAA's second annual Faculty Athletic Representative (FAR) Leadership Institute in October. Massoels serves as the FAR for Saint Joseph's College and was selected as the 2006 Division II FAR Fellow, representing both SJC and the Great Lakes Valley Conference (GLVC) at the Institute. Taking place over three days in Indianapolis, the selected group also met with the Division II Management Council in addition to other FARs at the Institute.



The purpose of the Leadership Institution is to get respected FARs together for the purpose of learning what role FARs play at their respective institutions and within their conferences. Discussion topics included eligibility, working with student-athletes, working with coaches, working with the NCAA, working with individual institutions, and working with conferences.

Massoels commented, "I was honored to have been selected by the GLVC to attend this Leadership meeting, and I believe that I brought useful ideas and information to the meeting. It was interesting to learn what roles other FARs play on their campuses, and I think it will help me enhance my position for Saint Joseph's College and the GLVC."

BRIAN CAPOUCH, *Assistant Professor of Computer Science*, has presented at several recent conferences associated with technological advancements in the field of computer science as well as the architectural history and development of his hometown Medaryville, Indiana. Presentations regarding technological advancements include a tutorial at the O'Reilly Open Source Conference in Portland, Oregon, entitled "Asterisk Inside and Out"; at the State Department in Washington, D.C., entitled "The Future of Telephony"; and at Astricon in Dallas, Texas, entitled "The Embedded Asterisk Task Force." Medaryville historical presentations include the Walking Tour at the 2006 Medaryville Potato Fest entitled "Revisiting Flossie Posel's 1887 Description of Downtown Medaryville" and "Vernacular Architecture in Medaryville."

TODD SAMRA, *Assistant Professor of Music and Choir Director*, was recently accepted as a member of Pi Kappa



Lambda, an honorary music fraternity, for graduating within the top 5% of his class from Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana. Samra is currently working toward his Doctor of Arts degree in Music from BSU.

Congratulations to the Honorary Faculty Inductees of 2006 to the Alpha Lambda Delta National Honor Society:

Aristides Gamez, *Assistant Professor of Spanish*

Binnie Martin, *Assistant Professor of English*

Patricia Querry, *Assistant Professor of Physical Education*

Claudia Sadowski '04, *Foreign Languages Faculty Adjunct*

Cathy Salyers, *Head Librarian and Assistant Professor*

Jody Taylor-Watkins, *Reference/Assistant Librarian and Assistant Professor*

Lana Zimmer, *Assistant Professor of Education*

DR. DAVID DIXON, *Assistant Professor of Political Science*, recently co-authored a book entitled *Rhetoric, Religion, and the Civil Rights Movement, 1954-1965*. The book, a compilation of civil rights sermons, includes over 130 speeches with religious impact from ministers, rabbis, and several laity who chose to take a stand in such a troubled time.

"These people possessed a special kind of passion," Dixon said of the contributors to the book. "They were courageous and willing to die for their cause. And many of them did." Dixon related the story of Bruce William Klunder of Cleveland who, in 1964, protested the construction of a new segregated high school in the city and was crushed by one of the bulldozers; his death was never investigated. Similarly, Bob Spike was killed on the campus of Ohio State University in 1966, and his murder remains unsolved. "Most of the historical documents we uncovered were quite mysterious,"



Dixon continued. "It seemed like a lot of the sermons were hidden or covered up. I grew up in the state of Ohio, and I had never heard of Klunder or Spike."

In order to complete his lengthy project, Dixon and co-editor Davis Houck (Associate Professor at Florida State University) began with traditional bibliography information found in libraries across the country and then shifted their search to internet search engines, specifically Google, for the harder to find facts. "We made somewhere between 500 and 1,000 phone calls, letter inquiries, and email interviews, and we figured that if we had done this project before the age of Google, it would have taken us 250 years to complete. Literally – we really sat down and made a time estiamte," Dixon

said. "The complete product is 1,002 pages long and weighs over 3.5 pounds. It feels like I helped give birth to an elephant, whose gestation period would be comparable to the time we spent on this." It took Dixon and Houck approximately two and a half years to complete their project.

The subject matter in his latest book struck a personal chord within Dixon. "I've always found the civil rights movement very interesting. In the 1950s, my mom was a missionary in Ecuador and married a Panamanian. She lost some of her mission funding because she married outside of her ethnicity. That sort of discrimination has always hit home for me," he related. Dixon and Houck are taking a short break from the world of research, but are looking forward to embarking on their next project together: a collection of Women's Movement speeches from 1954-1965 of the same magnitude.

In a review of the collection, Jon Meacham, managing editor of *Newsweek*, said, "In this fascinating collection of voices, many of them long lost to history, Davis Houck and David Dixon perform a singular service by bringing together vital documents about the most important American domestic drama of the 20th century: the movement to make the nation live up to the promise of its founding, that all men are created equal, in the image and likeness of God. This book is destined to become indispensable not only for scholars, but for anyone who cares about how history really happens."

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Football team caps off banner year with GLFC Championship

The Saint Joseph's College football team continued its ascent in the ranks of NCAA Division II in 2006, posting an 8-3 record and winning the Great Lakes Football Conference Championship in the recently-revived conference's first season.

The Pumas, who clinched the title on the regular season's final day with a 24-23 victory over previously-unbeaten and 12th-ranked Tiffin (Ohio) University, posted the program's third consecutive winning season, which had not been accomplished since SJC strung together six straight winning campaigns from 1976-81. The team's 22 wins over the past three seasons ties with 1957-59 teams for the highest victory total over that amount of time.

Several SJC players rewrote the school's record book in their respective categories. Quarterback Anthony Lindsey '08 established new career passing records for yards (8,138), touchdowns (69), completions (697), and attempts (1,141) while breaking his own single-season records for touchdowns (27) and yards (2,863).

Wide receiver Dan Paulsen '08, meanwhile, broke the Pumas' single-season and career records for receptions (82 this season and 172 career) and receiving yards (1,121 this season and 2,681 career). He also set single-game records for



"BE NOW A STURDY BAND": SJC football players Corrie Gregory '07, Lance Burns '08, Cory Sanders '07, and Lonnie Hurst '07 lead the Pumas in the singing of the school fight song following their victory over Tiffin.

receptions (14) and yards (237) in the win over Tiffin.

As a team, the Pumas tied the SJC record for away-game victories in a single season (5) and finished in the top 25 in Division II in total defense, passing offense, and turnover margin. SJC also received Honorable Mention status in the American Football Coaches Association national poll on two occasions late in the season.

Additionally, head coach Lou Esposito was voted the 2006 Great Lakes Football Conference Coach of the Year. Esposito's two-year record as the Pumas' head coach is 15-7 — the best record for the first two years of a head coach's tenure in the history of the SJC football program.

Men's basketball hungry to continue recent success

The SJC men's basketball team began the 2006-07 season ready to prove that it is no one-year wonder.

The Pumas were coming off a dream season that saw them win Great Lakes Valley Conference regular-season and tournament titles and host the NCAA Division II Great Lakes Regional Championships on the way to a 31-3 overall record. SJC has a new head coach and a new starting lineup, but the goals of this year's program remain high.

Entering this season ranked 27th in Division II by the National Association of Basketball Coaches, first-year head coach Richard Davis' club wasted no time in attempting to prove itself against the very best competition. The regular-season opener was November 18 at defending Division II national champion Winona State (Minnesota) University. The two teams met for the first time ever at SJC last season, with the Pumas prevailing, 81-76.

Other key games on the Pumas' schedule were a

December 7 home game against the No. 6-ranked University of Southern Indiana, an upcoming January 18 home contest against No. 7-ranked Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, and a pair of games (January 27 and February 22) against Northern Kentucky University, which was picked first in the GLVC Preseason Coaches Poll.

SJC has three players returning with experience as starters at the collegiate level in Jonathan Pittman '07, Ronald Coleman '08, and Devin Thomas '08. Those three are likely to appear in the starting lineup this season, along with Matt Comparato '07 and Brandon Mayse '09.

Other returning players figuring to crack the regular rotation are Matty Bush '08 and Joe Ramey '09, while newcomers Noah Douglas '08, Andrew Helmer '10, Austin Peebles '10, and Spencer Gardner '10 will vie for playing time as well.

Women's basketball seeks continued improvement, GLVC tourney berth

The SJC women's basketball team opened play this season with the goal of building on the vast improvements made by last year's team and continuing the climb up the pecking order in the Great Lakes Valley Conference.

The Lady Pumas finished last season with a record of 14-13, which represented a 10-game improvement over the previous year's record of 4-23, and was the largest single-season turnaround in the program's history. It was also SJC's first winning season since the 1998-99 campaign. However, SJC narrowly missed the GLVC Tournament with a league record of 7-12, and looks to make its first appearance in the postseason since 2002-03.

SJC opened this season with a trio of exhibition games, losing to Indiana State University, 87-67, and Valparaiso University, 71-56, before a 70-56 loss to The Odyssey, a team of post-collegiate players from the Chicagoland area.

The Lady Pumas return several key components from last season's squad, including Honorable Mention All-GLVC selection Michelle Bova '07. Other returning starters are Patience Meyer '08 and Allison Hughes '08, while Megan Haag '07 started all three exhibition games this season and Julia LaBlanc '08 started two.

Other key players in the SJC game plans thus far have been Ryleigh Carr '10, Molly Lauck '10, and Whitney Cole '09.

Key games on SJC's schedule included a November 21 home non-conference game against defending national



BACK FOR MORE: Honorable Mention All-GLVC honoree Michelle Bova '07 looks to lead the Lady Pumas' return to the postseason.

champion Grand Valley State University (Michigan), a January 11 contest at GLVC West Division Preseason No. 1 Drury (Missouri) University, and January 27 and February 22 games against defending GLVC Tournament Champion Northern Kentucky University.

Booster Club

The Saint Joseph's College Athletic Department invites all alumni, parents, and friends of the College to join in supporting SJC's athletic teams by joining the Puma Booster Club.

An annual gift of \$100 entitles the bearer to two season passes to all sporting events at SJC (excluding NCAA Tournament events), invitations to post-game gatherings in the Booster Club room and all Booster Club trips and activities, usage of the varsity weight room and Hanson

Recreation Center track, and a Puma Parking Pass.

An annual gift of \$200 entitles the bearer to all of the above benefits, as well as a family pass to all sporting events (excluding NCAA Tournament events).

Gifts can be designated to a specific sport or to the general athletics fund. 15% of all designated gifts will go to the general Booster Club fund to cover expenses. For more information or to join, contact the SJC Athletic Office at 219-866-6275.

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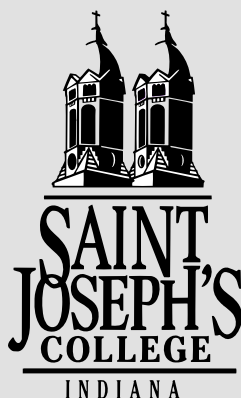
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Alumni, students, parents, and friends are invited to take part as we make our 22nd annual appearance in the Chicago St. Patrick's Day Parade. Mark your calendar for a day of special events celebrating Saint Joseph's College and all that is Irish.

Saturday, March 17, 2007

A special Mass will be celebrated at the
Catholic Theological Union
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Times, locations, and parade position will be posted on **Connections** at alumni.saintjoe.edu and available by calling (800) 227-1898.

Honor class giving at Homecoming '06

Another year, another successful Homecoming. Coupled with perfect weather and a resounding Puma victory over Valparaiso (43-14), the 2006 Honor Classes had a beautiful weekend to celebrate. You didn't have to attend Homecoming to show your Puma Pride. Many of you participated by supporting the 2006 Honor Class gift projects – the renovation of the Theatre in the Arts and Science Building and the Chapel Complex Endowment. Are you interested in contributing? It is not too late to participate!

With the exception of the Class of 1961 that is focusing on the Chapel Complex Endowment, all honor classes are teaming up to help reach the ambitious Theatre project goal of \$965,000. Currently we have raised \$406,856 towards the Theatre renovation, \$24,750 of which is from the Honor Classes of 2006.

You might consider a Theatre seat sponsorship (including personalized plaque) – a \$1,000 pledge paid over three years (\$333/year). Other available naming opportunities are listed here: <http://alumni.saintjoe.edu/?TheatreRenovation>.

For more information, please contact **Jake Chapman '96**, Director of the College Fund, at (800) 227-1898 or jake@saintjoe.edu.



We regret the omission of **Paul '65** and Frances **Corsaro** from the Saint Gaspar Society listing that appeared in the Fall 2006 issue of *Contact*.

Do you have an announcement that you'd like to appear in the Class Notes section of *Contact*? Updating your information is as simple as sending an email to alumni@saintjoe.edu. You can also call our office at (800) 227-1898 and fill us in, or log on to <http://alumni.saintjoe.edu> and update your *Connections* profile. Any updates made to the On-Line Community are automatically printed in *Contact*. Your Puma family is waiting to hear all about you!

Frank Harmon '64, principal account executive with BlueCross/BlueShield of Illinois, was selected to represent the labor sector as a recipient of the 2006 Rerum Novarum Award. The Rerum Novarum Awards, presented by St. Joseph College Seminary at Loyola University of Chicago, honor men and women in labor, business, and government who have proven outstanding in their support of the following ideals: respect for the dignity of the human being and human labor, the right to organize, and the right to a living wage.

Fred Plant '72 was recently elected President of MAPPA, the seven-state regional organization for higher education facilities professionals. He has served this organization for many years, the last nine on the Education Committee. He has also served the national organization, APPA, on their Information and Research Committee. He has recently completed 34 years in higher education at Purdue University, Saint Joseph's College, and Valparaiso University, where he currently serves as the Executive Director of Physical Plant Services. He and his wife, Char-



Edward R. Finan '42, former member of the baseball team, shows off his SJC letter sweater. In 1943, Ed married Margaret Limker, and they went on to have eight children, and eventually thirteen grandchildren. "Pudge," as he was known in college, went on to earn an MBA from Michigan State University. Today he and his wife live in West Bloomfield, Michigan.

lene, continue to live in Rensselaer where they have raised their family, Amanda (Plant) Klaus, Christopher Plant, **Nathan Plant '02**, and Stephanie (Plant) Dyrzcs.

Bill Hogan '74 was named the Athletic Director at Seattle University, effective July 17, 2006. Hogan previously led the University of San Francisco Athletics for 15 years, during which time he was named the Regional Athletic Director of the Year by the National Association of College Athletic Directors for 2000-2001.

Lt. Col. Timothy Kirkbride '77 was honored by the U.S. Air Force with a retirement ceremony in Richmond, Virginia, on December 1, 2006. Kirkbride has had a most distinguished career in the Air Force, including diplomatic duties as military attaché in several Middle Eastern countries, supervising an American group aiding the Russians in disarming their nuclear missiles and turning the liquid fuel into fertilizer, supervising U.S.A.F. personnel in training Jordanian pilots in the handling of a flight of F16 fighter jets, and many other significant leadership roles.

Raymond Christy '83, Liaison Officer for the Utah Transit Authority's Disadvantaged Business Enterprise, accepted the Department of Transportation Grant Recipient Award from the Federal Transit Administration on behalf of the UTA's DBE in 2005. "UTA has empowered me to design an innovative outreach program to help women and minority-owned businesses," Christy said. "I am pleased to accept this award on behalf of UTA and Utah's disadvantaged businesses."

Liliana (Morfin) Rasala '96 received a Master's degree in Education/School Counseling from Purdue University Calumet in May 2004.

Jason W. Crittendon '97 has recently been promoted to the position of Director of Bands for Logansport High School in Logansport, Indiana. He had worked the previous nine years in Logansport as an assistant band director. Jason has also been elected Vice President of the Logansport Education Association.

Jeremy E. Willson '97 received his Masters Degree in Educational Leadership in June 2006.

Jason M. Retzlaff '99 received his

Masters of Business Administration from Valparaiso University in 2004.

Daniel Ulvila '99 graduated with Distinction from Northwestern University Kellogg School of Management on June 17, 2006. He earned his Masters of Business Administration (MBA) with a concentration in Finance, Strategy, and Entrepreneurship. While at Kellogg, Dan earned the Dean's Service Award for Distinguished Service and was inducted into the Beta Gamma Sigma Academic Honor Society. Dan has accepted a job as a management consultant with the Chicago office of Marakon Associates.

Tamara (Bumpers) Henderson '00 is in her first year as the Blessed Trinity Catholic High School Head Girls Basketball Coach and her fifth year overall as a head coach. Before coming to Blessed Trinity, Tamara was the head varsity basketball coach at St. Francis High School in Alpharetta, Georgia for one year and Yeshiva Atlanta High School in Atlanta, Georgia for three years. While at St. Francis, Tamara led her team to their first ever Elite 8 appearance in the state tournament. This was a first in the school's history, and they ended their season with an 11-1 record in region play. Tamara received a B.S. in Chemistry at SJC. She went on to earn a Masters Degree in Inorganic Chemistry from Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta. She is not only the girl's basketball coach, but also serves as the girl's golf coach and teaches in the science department at Blessed Trinity.

Heather Hagan '01 was recently appointed Deputy Attorney General (Complex Litigation) in the Indiana Attorney General's Office. After graduating from SJC, Hagan attended Indiana University School of Law where she earned a Juris Doctorate in May 2004.

Todd Roberts '01 was recently named Fort Wayne Community Schools Teacher of the Year.

Amanda Lundeen '02 recently graduated from Dominican University with a master's degree in Social Work.

Melissa Kleinmaus '03 graduated with a master's degree in Human Resources & Labor Relations in 2005 from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

Carolyn Weber '04 recently completed her masters degree in Elementary Education from Indiana University Southeast.

ENGAGEMENTS

Peter Szewzek '75 to Linda Marcantonio. A June 2007 wedding is planned.

Amy Creager '01 to Craig Cumberland. A May 12, 2007, wedding is planned. **Chad Creager '97** will be a groomsman, **Kristine (Flick) Stief '00** will be a bridesmaid, and Amy's uncle **James Morrell '74** will be the pianist.

Jill Rebecca Ryan '03 to Philip W. Potts. A March 3, 2007, wedding is planned.

Lea Heishman '04 to Michael Jernstrom. A March 31, 2007, wedding is planned.

Nicholas A. Bizila '04 to **Karen Miller '05**. An October 20, 2007, wedding is planned.

Raquel Vargas '04 to **Darrell Statzer '05**. A June 2007 wedding is planned.

Lauren E. Howard '05 to Zane A. Cooper. An August 4, 2007, wedding is planned.



Mick Stohr '73 to Kay Stohr, November 2005. Pictured from left to right are the groom's brother, **Christopher Stohr '71**, **Don Broadway '73**, the groom, and **Mike Petrovich '73**. Mick and Christopher's father, **Michael**, is a member of the SJC Class of **1935**.

Susan E. Kramer '05 to Mike McLemore. A July 2007 wedding is planned.

Vanessa C. Sanchez '06 to Anthony Pentangelo '07. A May 17, 2008, wedding is planned.

Annie Stupic '06 to **Joshua Mehay '04**. A May 25, 2007, wedding is planned.

Stephanie M. Weber '06 to Jeremy Smith. A May 19, 2007, wedding is planned.

MARRIAGES

Tia C. Glass '93 to George M. Ghattas, 9/2/06.

Sheila A. Gilmartin '94 to John Kale, 5/20/06.

Liliana Morfin '96 to Steven Rasala, 8/10/04.

Erica L. Shannon '96 to Keith Champney, 9/22/06. **Diane (Hebert) Arias '94** was the matron of honor. Other Pumas in attendance included **Joe Arias '92** and **Amy (Duke) Moss '96**. Erica's parents are former President and First Lady of Saint Joseph's College **Skip** and **MJ Shannon**.

Christopher Balcer '99 to Danielle Patterson, 9/30/06. **Chad Novak '98** was a groomsman.

Andrea L. Campbell '00 to Christopher D. Tobin, 6/07.

Mandy Meyers '02 to Richard Velligan, 9/3/06. Bridesmaids were **Sara (Post) Rabensteine '02**, **Blaire Henley '02**, and **Julianne Adams '03**.

Timothy Nelson '02 to Teresa Nichols, 8/6/05.



Dr. John D. Kiefer '61 is currently serving as the Assistant Director of the Kentucky Geological Survey. During the summer of 2005, he taught a course as a Visiting Professor of Graduate Studies at the Chinese Academy of Science in Beijing, China, and had the opportunity to travel through some beautiful areas of southwest China with his wife after the course. This was his third trip to China, having previously served as a liaison for the University of Kentucky cooperative program with the Lanzhou Institute of Seismology in Gansu Province.

Kiefer has also been active in the Geological Society of America (GSA), serving as Chair of the Southeastern Section, and the Committee on Geology and Public Policy. He serves on the National Committee on Geology and Public Policy, and through this committee, he founded a new Division of the GSA called "Geology and Society," serving as its Chair for the past two years. Additionally, he's involved in the American Association of Petroleum Geologists and received their National Public Outreach Award in 2006.

He and his wife, Martha, are both very active in their parish, including the choir, lector, and parish council activities. All five of their children have graduated from college, several with advanced degrees, and all are gainfully employed.

Lynn Rainey '02 to Nathan Idalski, 10/14/06.

Christie J. Roeske '05 to **Michael D. Cronkhite '03**, 8/5/06.

Emily K. Glende '03 to **Donald Shanahan '01**, 8/5/06. The couple was married in the Saint Joseph's College Chapel with **Rev. Tim McFarland, C.P.P.S '78** as the celebrant. Dr. John

Egan, Professor of Music, was the pianist and organist and Dr. John Groppe, Professor Emeritus of English, was also in attendance.

Lauren C. Roberts '03 to Jessy Milner, May 2005.

William Moore '03 to Shatyta Jones, 8/12/06.

Abbi Campbell '04 to Henry Pena, 9/6/06.

Michelle Wegner '04 to Casey Hines, 7/1/06.

Elizabeth A. Kloczek '06 to **Michael J. Dougherty '04**, 8/5/06. Parents of the bride are **Peter '73** and **Barbara (McConnell) Kloczek '74**. Parents of the groom are **Joseph '75** and **Mary Catherine (Crossland) Dougherty '75**. The wedding party included **Andrew '98** and **Sara (Kloczek) Hicks '98**, **Jason '01** and **Kelly (Dougherty) Burke '01**, **Nicholas '04** and **Kristine (Dougherty) Schweiss '03**, and **Allison Segarra '06**. **Casey Wagner '05** served as a reader.

Amy E. Gulvas '04 to Peter Norbot, 7/9/05. Maid of honor was **Jennifer Jasinski '03**. Other Pumas in attendance were **Sarah Flory '03**, **Crysta Hildenbrand '01**, **Katherine Davet '04**, and **Timothy Hayes '04**.

Sarah E. Opolski '05 to Sean Walsh, 10/14/06.

BIRTHS

Challen Marie Lowe to **Phillip '87** and **Denise (McCarthy) Lowe '87**, 12/23/05. Challen joins big sister Melaine (7).

Jude Fredrick Serrani to **Francis '92** and **Janice (Feinendegen) Serrani '92**, 5/13/06. Jude joins big brothers Xavier (14) and Augustus (10) and big sister Josephine (6).

Anderson James Leek to **Geoffrey '93** and **Kristi Leek**, 8/28/06. Anderson joins big brother Ryan (2).

Nicholas Gabriel Sanders to Kevin and **Kelly (Bishop) Sanders '93**, 7/8/06.

Quinn Verrland Scott to **Chris '93**

and **Holly (Rosencrantz) Scott '95**, 7/15/06. Quinn joins big brother Alex (7) and big sister Heidi (4).

Leann Elizabeth Carey to **James '94** and Kristina **Carey**, 8/29/06.

Nicholas Glozier to **Lawrence '96** and Bethany **Glozier**. Nicholas joins big brother Joseph (3).

Brady Lawrence Metz to **Aaron '96** and **Allison (McDonough) Metz '96**, 3/15/06. Brady joins big brother Zachary (3).

Victoria Rasala to Steven and **Liliana (Morfin) Rasala '96**, 9/21/05.

Georgia Grace Torreano and Elizabeth Mae Torreano, twin girls, to **Adam '96** and Susan (Yaunt) **Torreano**, 8/18/06.

Isabella Gloria D'Amore to **Andrew '97** and Carrie **D'Amore**, 2/15/06.

Kaptur Joseph Nowaczyk to **Dennis G. '97** and Amy **Nowaczyk, Jr.**, 3/16/06. Kaptur joins big sister Layla (2).

Brady Quinn Shannon to **Sean '97** and Maddie **Shannon**, 6/21/06. Brady's grandparents are former President and First Lady of Saint Joseph's College **Skip** and **MJ Shannon**.

John Paul Blinzinger to **James '98** and Carrie **Blinzinger**, 11/14/05.

Alison Mae Prokop to Anthony and **Susan (Merritt) Prokop '98**, 8/15/06.

Riley Elizabeth Schwipps to Tim and **Rachel (Call) Schwipps '98**, 3/4/06. Riley joins big brother, Ethan (3).

Sierra Joy Vorrier to **Joseph '98** and **Christine (Bonnema) Vorrier '01**, 8/23/06.

Megan Marie Zolvinski to Adam and **Julie (Lanoue) Zolvinski '98**, 7/1/06. Megan joins big brother Gavin (3).

Brooklyn Elizabeth Bilyeu to Mark and **Kathryn (Roop) Bilyeu '99**, 9/14/06.

Briana Rose Peacock to **Joshua J. Peacock '01** and Amber Spitzer, 9/20/06.

Sophia Heide Barlog to Dan and **Heather (Heide) Barlog '02**, 7/6/06. Sophia joins big sister Juliana (2).

Preston Jesson to **Ryan '03** and Amy (**Overmyer**) **Jessen '03**, 8/5/06.

Dominic James Schweiss to Nicholas '04 and **Kristine (Dougherty) Schweiss '03**, 8/15/06. Grandparents are **Joseph '75** and **Mary (Crossland) Dougherty '75**.

Jane Muriel Sweigert to **Martin '04** and Kate **Sweigert**, 9/29/06.

Landen Mick Hale to Main and **Courtney (Rosenbaum) Hale '05**, 7/7/06.

Noah Allen-Richard Kuehnhold to Brian and **Andrea (Ward) Kuehnhold '05**, 5/1/06.

Ashton Paul Verbish to **Joshua '05** and Julianne **Verbish**, 4/8/06. Ashton joins big sister Madysen (2).

DEATHS

Editor's Note: Institutional Advancement and Marketing recently attempted to locate the "lost/invalid address" individuals in our database. Readers will note a large number of deaths reported in this issue as a result of our research. The prayers of the campus community are extended to these families.

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